Telecom Projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1908. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of ongoing projects, pertaining to the Ministry of Communications in Gujarat and Maharashtra as on 30th June, 1994;

(b) what is the number of those projects >ut of this which are lagging behind their original schedule;

(c) whether the cost of these projects ^tas been escalated due to delav in their :xecution;

(d) if so, what is the amount of cost escalation;

(e) what is the number of projects out if them which are being executed with assistance from private/foreign financial nstitutions ;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Goverа-nent have to pay commitment charges on his amount for not utilising foreign issistance in a proper manner; and

(g) what are the commitment charges luring the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and as in date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number >f ongoing projects in Gujarat and Maha-ashtra including MTNL Bombay as on 50-6-84 is 1,087.

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) The question does not arise, (e) to (g) Information is being compiled ind will be placed on the Table of the rlouse.

Commissioning of Telephone Exchanges in Hilly Districts of Uttar Pradesh

1909. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be leased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges woposed to be commissioned during 1993-94 in the hilly districts of Uttar 'radesh; and

(b) the places where the telephone sxchanges have been commissioned so far >ut of them and to be commissioned during 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) During he year 1993-94, 18 exchanges were Manned to be commissioned in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradehs. Of these, exchanges at 10 places were commissioned luring 1993-94 and the remaining 8 will *X* commissioned during 1994-95. Details ire given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

In addition to the *abort,* 33 NM. of Telephone Exchanges are also planned to be commissioned in Hilly Districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1994-95.

Statement

/. Places where telephone exchanges have been commissioned during 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Place/ Exchange
1.	Pithoragarh . .	Pithoragarh
2.	Nainital . . .	Ramnagar
3.	Nainital . . .	Pantnagar
4.	Nainital . . .	Bazpar
5.	Nainital . . .	Sitarganj
6.	Nainital . . .	Ranikhet
7.	Dehradun . .	Dehradun
8.	Dehradun . .	Mussorie
9.	Pauri . . .	Srinagar
10.	Dehradun . .	Raipur

II. Places where telephone exchanges are planned to be commissioned during 1994-95

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Place/ Exchange
1.	Nainital . . .	Kichha
2.	Nainital . . .	Gadarpur
3.	Nainital . . .	Janakpur
4.	Dehradun . .	Rajour
5.	Dehradun . .	Doiwala
6.	Dehradun . .	Dak Pathar
7.	Chamoli . . .	Karanprayag
8.	Chamoli . . .	Rudraprayag

Demand for Improvement in Postal System

1910. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: WUl the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Jansatta' dated 30th October, 1994 under the caption "Daak Vyavashta sudharne ki maang" ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon 7

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM: (a) and (b) Ye«, Sir,